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1. MISSION HAS NOW RECEIVED RESPONSE OF UNHCR TO POINTS
MADE IN REFTEL.

2. IN REGARD TO PARA 1 REFTEL, UNHCR STATES THAT WHILE
NOTING USG EXPECTS TO MEET TRANSPORTATION COSTS OF REFUGEES
FROM INDOCHINA TO US THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976, UNHCR HAS
ALREADY PAID FOR 116 SUCH MOVEMENTS ARRANGED BY ICEM.

3. UNHCR NOTED WITH PLEASURE THAT UNDER PARA 3 REFTEL
US GOVERNMENT WILL MEET TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM BOTH
DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO US SUBJECT TO
INDIVIDUAL MEANS, BUT QUERIES WHETHER THIS WOULD COVER
MOVEMENTS TO US FROM BEGINNING OF INDOCPNESE OPERATION,
SINCE UNHCR HAS PAID FOR A NUMBER OF SUCH MOVEMENTS BY
ICEM DURING THE PAST YEAR. IT CONTINUES TO STATE
THAT SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, UNHCR WOULD BE
PREPARED TO CONSIDER MEETING TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR
THOSE LEAVING US FOR COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF EUROPE.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION, PARA 4
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REFTEL, UNHCR REGRETS THAT UNDER PRESENT FUNDING IT

CANNOT MEET THESE EXPENSES FROM UNHCR RESOURCES. IT STATES HOWEVER THAT THIS APPEARS TO BE PROBLEM UNIQUE TO US. TO ITS KNOWLEDGE QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN RAISED IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT WHERE LOCAL OR PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE USUALLY TO COVER THESE COSTS.

5. MISSION WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THESE POINTS TO UNHCR.DALE

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